

The Motion of defendant Monterey Financial Services, LLC ("Monterey") to dismiss plaintiff Artis-Ray Cash Jr.'s Complaint came on regularly for hearing on May 9, 2025 at 9:00 a.m. in Courtroom 9D in the United States District Court for the Central District of California, the Honorable John W. Holcomb, presiding. Plaintiff appeared *in propria persona*. Defendants were represented by their respective counsel.

The Court, having considered the evidence, all the papers filed in support of and in opposition to the motion, the pleadings, records and files in this action, those matters of which the Court may take judicial notice, and oral argument, hereby GRANTS the motion.

Plaintiff is proceeding *in propria persona* and *in forma pauperis* in this civil action alleging claims under the Fair Credit Reporting Act (15 U.S.C. § 1681 *et seq.*), the California Consumer Credit Reporting Agencies Act (Cal. Civil Code § 1785.25(A)), the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act (15 U.S.C. § 1692 *et seq.*), the Rosenthal Fair Debt Collection Practices Act (Cal. Civil Code § 1788 *et seq.*), and the California Unfair Competition Law (Cal. Bus. & Prof. Code § 17200 *et seq.*). Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1915(a), a person may request to proceed *in forma pauperis* by submitting an affidavit attesting to all of their assets and a statement that they cannot pay the filing fee. However, "[t]o proceed in forma pauperis is a privilege not a right." *Smart v. Heinze*, 347 F.2d 114, 116 (9th Cir. 1965). The *in forma pauperis* statute requires dismissal of a case if "at any time if the court determines that . . . the allegation of poverty is untrue" 28 U.S.C. § 1915(e)(2)(A).

The evidence submitted by Monterey in support of the motion demonstrates that Plaintiff's allegation of poverty in his Request to Proceed *In Forma Pauperis* is untrue. Plaintiff – a serial litigant who has filed 21 actions in this Court apart from this action, including more than a dozen in the past six months – failed to disclose four recent settlements on his Request to Proceed *In Forma Pauperis*. Plaintiff's

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE 1 2 I, Berj K. Parseghian, declare as follows: 3 I am a resident of the State of New York, over the age of eighteen years, and not a party to the within action. My business address is 420 Lexington Avenue, 4 5 Suite 2005, New York, New York 10170. On April 7, 2025, I served the within [PROPOSED] ORDER DISMISSING 6 PLAINTIFF'S COMPLAINT WITH PREJUDICE by enclosing a true copy in a 7 8 sealed envelope addressed to the following non-CM/ECF participant(s): 9 Artis-Ray: Cash, Jr. 53 South Spring Street **10** Los Angeles, CA 90013 11 and depositing the envelope in the United States mail at New York, New York with **12** postage thereon fully prepaid. 13 I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States of 14 America that the foregoing is true and correct. 15 Executed on April 7, 2025 at New York, New York. 16 17 /s/ Berj K. Parseghian Berj K. Parseghian **18** 19 **20** 21 22 23 24 25 **26** 27 28